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PATENT

Docket No. 9448-24

In re: Leonard et al.

Serial No.: 10/029,424

Filed: December 20, 2001

For: *Method of Treating Hormonal Deficiencies in Women Undergoing Estrogen
Replacement Therapy*

Confirmation No.: 3706

Group Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Kim

Date: April 2, 2004

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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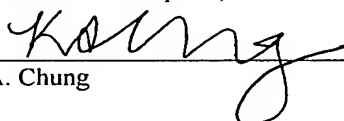

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, it is respectfully requested that this application be considered in view of the following remarks. Applicants provide the present Amendment pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.